of employment and confortable foreign exchange position, and in this background the projected fiscal deficit can be absorbed, if the existing growth momentum is maintained,

Implication of internal borrowings on the economy

3353. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that borrowings and other liabilities constitute 28 per cent of the total receipts and the interest liability thereon is 26 per cent;

(b) if so, the modalities framed to realise internal borrowings and the implications thereof on the economy as a whole; and

(c) whether Government propose to disinvest shares of more PSUs in near future, if so, the details thereof, undertaking-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The borrowings and other liabilities constitute 31.5 per cent of the total receipts in Budget Estimate 1995.96 and the interest liability works out to 31.1 per cent thereof.

(b) Internal borrowings are proposed to be raised through market loans, small savings, Provident Fund, etc. As indicated in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech for 1995-96, the fiscal deficit of the order of Rs. 57634 crore in Budget Estimate 1995-96 can be absorbed if the existing growth momentum is maintained.

(c) Budget Estimate 1995-96 assumes a receipt of Rs. 7000 crore on account of disinvestment of equity holdings in Public Sector Enterprises. P.S.U. wise details have not yet been finalised.

Chief Ministers going abroad and striking deals with foreign companies

3354, SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: - -

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Ministers are going abroad and are striking deals with foreign companies.

(b) whether they are not making financial and other commitments;

(c) how far Government of India is consulted by the respective. State Governments in this respect; and

(d) whether it amounts to diminution of Central powers with respect to Union, List subjects like foreign trade, foreign exchange etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE *(SHRI* M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) As a consequence of the reform process initiated in mid 1991, there is a growing awareness at the level of the State Governments of the need to attract investment flows, both domestic and foreign, so as to bridge the savings-investment gap. As a natural consequence, State Governments have been engaging prospective investors in a dialogue. All foreign investment proposals ultimately require the approval of the Central Government or the RBI, as applicable, in conformity with the Industrial policy announcement and FERA Provisions and other mandatory approval requirements of the Central Government.

Tax dues against Harshad Mehta

3355. SHRI JAGESH DESRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to satte:

(a) the total tax dues from the share-broker Shri Harshad Mehta till now in the security related Scam case;

(b) the steps taken by Government to recover the same;